WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Setting up of electronic Telephone Exchanges in Jammu and Kashmir

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(a) the number of electronic telephone exchanges set up and functioning in Jammu and Kashmir at present;

(b) whether some more such exhanges are likely to be opened in near future; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN):(a) Sir, 362 numbers of electronic telephone exchanges for landline telehpone have been set up and are functioning in Jammu and Kashmir at present. In addition, nine Mobile Switching Centres are also functioning.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) New exchanges for landline connections planned to be opened during the year 2006-07 are as follows:-

Sl. No.	Name of Place	Secondary Switching Area (SSA)
1	Purmandal	Jammu
2	Batallik	Leh
3	Tangt Se	Leh
4	Machel	Srinagar
5	Uroosa	Srinagar
6	Kanzalwan	Srinagar
7	Teetwal	Srinagar

In addition, three Mobile Switching Centres are also planned for 2006-07.